



August 31, 2001

Honorable Robert O'Farrell
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court – 2001
Grand Jury – County of Monterey
P.O. Box 414
Salinas, CA 93902

Dear Judge O'Farrell,

RE: RESPONSE TO THE 2000 MONTEREY COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

I am writing in response to the letter of July 19, 2001, from Marilyn A. Maxner, Chair, Edit and Response Committee, and Roy D. Lorenz, Foreman, 2001 Monterey County Grand Jury, requiring additional response specific to the Findings from the 2000 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury that generated the recommendations that were addressed in the Carmel Unified School District's response letter of March 18, 2001.

The Carmel Unified School District's response to this request is as follows:

Finding #1: That sixteen of nineteen responding school districts and one community college spend lottery funds on employee salaries.

District's Response: The Carmel Unified School District does not spend lottery funds on employee salaries.

Finding #2: That there is no evidence that any lottery education revenues were being spent for prohibited purposes in Monterey County.

District's Response: As noted at all districts throughout Monterey County, the Carmel Unified School District does not spend lottery education revenues for prohibited purposes.

Finding #3: That four of the nineteen responding school districts place lottery moneys in their general funds without further tracking and further that these districts will be unable to verify compliance with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000.

District's Response: The Carmel Unified School District transfers a portion of its unrestricted lottery funding to its general fund for expenditure on general purpose instructional materials; however, the restricted revenues associated with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000 are maintained in a separate sub-fund to account separately for these funds.

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Finding #4: That fifteen of the nineteen responding school districts do have special tracking accounts; yet, many do not contain sufficient detail to verify compliance with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000.

District's Response: As noted in the response to Finding #3, above, the Carmel Unified School District maintains its restricted lottery revenues in a separate sub-fund established by the Monterey County Office of Education solely for the purpose of accounting separately and specifically for the expenditure of this funding associated with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000.

We trust that this response satisfies the Grand Jury's requirement. Please feel free, however, to contact me at 624-1546, if additional information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marvin Biasotti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Marvin Biasotti
Superintendent

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cc: Roy D. Lorenz – Foreman, 2001
Dr. Bill Barr, County Superintendent of Schools
Board of Education – Carmel Unified School District